

**City of Bloomington Traffic Commission Minutes
October 21, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall**

Traffic Commission minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings of the meeting are available in the Planning and Transportation Department for reference.

Attendance

Traffic Commission: James Batcho, Andrew Cibor, Ryan Cobine, Abigail Pietsch, Sarah Ryterband, Joe VanDeventer, and Scott Wickersham

Others in Attendance: Suzanne O'Connell (Cedarview Management), Malcom Webb, Neil Kopper (Staff), Nate Nickel (Staff), and Scott Robinson (Staff)

- I. Call to Order** (~5:35 PM)
- II. Approval of Minutes** – September 23, 2015. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Mr. Wickersham seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed 7-0.
- III. Communications from Commission** – Mr. Cibor reported that Woodlawn Avenue, from 13th Street to 17th Street will be opening to traffic early in 2016. He said the N. Dunn St. and Old S.R. 37 intersection safety project is on schedule for construction bidding early next year. The City hopes to award a construction bid for a signal and sidepath project on Bloomfield Road/2nd Street from Landmark Avenue to Basswood Drive.
- IV. Public Comment** - none.
- V. Reports from Staff**
 - A. Winslow Road and Walnut Street Pike improvements** - Mr. Kopper explained the background over the concerns for this intersection. Public interest was heightened over the recent nearby Echo Park development approved by the Plan Commission. Mr. Kopper said the crash history shows an unusual pattern and frequency of t-bone crashes. He provided an illustration for possible improvements and explained the benefits. Some Commission members were concerned about the traffic islands that prohibited through traffic along Walnut Street Pike. Fire and police use this intersection often and some people will still attempt to make this through movement even with the islands. Mr. Kopper explained staff will continue to seek neighborhood input and work with emergency responders before any improvements are made.
 - B. High Street traffic counts** – Mr. Robinson said staff collected traffic counts in response to a previous traffic inquiry. These counts were taken in July and then in September when school was in session. The counts are included in the packet for review. Staff is seeking guidance on any

additional actions at this time. Commission members noted that the speeds during school hours are much slower than the rest of the day. Ms. Ryterband and Mr. Cobine were satisfied that current traffic conditions were satisfactory. The Commission members agreed no further action is necessary at this time.

VI. Old Business - none

VII. New Business –

A. On-street parking – revise current time regulations for 2 on-street spaces located at 1290-1270 N. College Avenue and 1 on-street space located at 601 N. College Avenue – Mr. Nickel provided an overview of the proposed changes. These were in response to a request made by commercial tenants seeking convenient drop-off or pick-up spaces. He also explained that additional review revealed that one additional ADA handicap accessible on-street parking space is needed for 1290 N. College Avenue. Ms. O'Connell said her tenants are in support of the changes, including the new ADA space. Mr. Cibor explained the ADA requirements for on-site parking spaces in greater detail. Mr. Cobine motioned, and Ms. Pietsch seconded to approve the recommendation as presented and forward to the City Council. The motion passed 7-0.

B. No parking zone – N. Dunn Street on the west side of the street between 10th Street and 12th Street - Mr. Nickel said this staff level request is in response to the narrow street and the difficulties for sanitation and snow plow trucks to access this area. Removing parking on one side of the street will improve access for these City services. Mr. VanDeventer said snow plow trucks often cannot drive down this street because of parked vehicles, so the road does not get plowed. Mr. Wickersam said parking on the west side may offer more spaces than the east side. Mr. Cibor asked about the notification process and Mr. Robinson explained these meetings are noticed, but no direct notification is made to adjacent property owners. Mr. VanDeventer motioned, Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the recommendation as presented and forward to the City Council. The motion passed 7-0.

VIII. Traffic Inquiries

A. Revise no-parking area to allow parking at 2401 and 2408 E. 4th Street. Mr. Nickel provided an overview of the request and Mr. Webb explained his needs and the unique nature of the area. He said he also has the support of his neighbors for some on-street parking. The consensus of the Commission was to have staff prepare a new parking proposal for 4th Street at their next meeting.

IX. Adjournment (~6:25 PM)

Next meeting – November 18, 2015